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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

comprising another film (C layer) laminated as the opposite outermost layer to form a laminated structure comprising at least three layers including the A layer, the B layer and the C layer.

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16. (Amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 15, wherein a surface roughness  $Ra_A$  on the A layer side is 0.2 to 10 nm, a surface roughness  $Ra_C$  on the C layer side is 1 to 30 nm, and  $Ra_C$  is larger than  $Ra_A$ .

27. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium comprising a biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, and a magnetic layer provided on one side of the biaxially oriented film.

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Please add new claims 30-32:

30. (New) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 2, wherein the height of the micro protrusions is 2 to 30 nm.

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